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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OF CHESTER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 15, 1900.

NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATE LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, OVERSEER OF THE POOR,

TOWN TREASURER,

TOWN CLERK, ROAD AGENT, SCHOOL BOARD, LIBRARY, TRUSTEES, AND AUDITORS

OF THE

TOWN OF CHESTER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1900.

DERRY, N. H.:
CHARLES BARTLETT,
PRINTER,
1900.

TOWN WARRANT.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

[L.S.]

To the inhabitants of the town of Chester, in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said town on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:—

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation for the same.

3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for salary of librarian and defray running expenses of the library.

4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the decoration of soldiers' graves.

5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money in addition to that required by law to purchase books for the Free Public Library.

6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars to improve cemeteries.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-third day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred.

CHARLES H. EDWARDS,
CHARLES H. GREENE,
HERBERT L. CHASE,
} Selectmen of Chester.

A true copy, Attest:

CHARLES H. EDWARDS,
CHARLES H. GREENE,
HERBERT L. CHASE,
} Selectmen of Chester.

TOWN OFFICERS.

MODERATOR—Nathan W. Goldsmith.

TOWN CLERK—Cyrus F. Marston.

SELECTMEN—Charles H. Edwards, Charles H. Greene, Herbert L. Chase.

OVERSEER OF THE POOR—Charles H. Greene.

TOWN TREASURER—George S. West,

COLLECTOR OF TAXES—Arthur H. Wilcomb.

SCHOOL BOARD—James G. Robertson, John M. Webster, Lizzie S. HOOKE.

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER—James G. Robertson.

REPRESENTATIVE—George S. West.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES—James G. Robertson, Augustus P. Morse, Addison A. Bean.

CONSTABLES—Dwight M. Mitchell, Edwin P. Jones, Nathan W. Goldsmith.

SUPERVISORS—Cyrus F. Marston, George L. Converse, Robert H. Hazelton.

AUDITORS—Cyrus F. Marston, Martin Mills, Oren F. Page.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

For the fiscal year ending February 15th, 1900.

VALUATION.

Resident real estate,	$272,353 00	
Non-resident real estate,	34,748 00	
No. polls, 222,	22,200 00	
Horses, 255,	11,932 00	
Oxen, 14,	630 00	
Cows, 456,	11,121 00	
Other neat stock, 76,	1,224 00	
Sheep, 54,	156 00	
Bank stock,	5,064 00	
Money at interest,	5,000 00	
Stock in trade,	8,025 00	
Mills, machinery, etc.,	5,500 00	
		$377,953 00

APPROPRIATIONS.

State tax.	$ 794 75
County tax,	1,285 47
Town tax,	500 00
Highway tax,	1,200 00
School tax required by law,	905 00
School money additional by vote of district,	400 00

School house repairs, . .	$100 00	
Books for public library, . .	100 00	
Librarian's salary and running expenses,	50 00	
Memorial day, . .	50 00	
Overlay, . . .	96 35	
Tax omitted and added, . .	4 35	
		$5,485 92
Rate per cent of taxation on $100, .		$1 45

AMOUNT OF SCHOOL MONEY.

Amount required by law, . .	$905 00	
Additional by vote of district, .	400 00	
Literary fund, . . .	96 60	
Balance of dog tax from 1898, .	151 82	
		$1,553 42

The Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor have given orders on the Town Treasurer for the payment of the following bills:

FOR REPAIRS ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid for labor and lumber, repairs on road machine, etc.:

May	27,	paid George Tyler & Co., edge for road machine, .	$ 8 50
	31,	C. H. Smith, . .	53 00
June	3,	J. E. McCannon, .	38 25
	5,	L. B. Richardson, .	75 58
	9,	A. J. Lane, . .	35 35
	13,	Dana Weeks, .	49 50
	21,	B. A. Follansbee, .	30 00
	27,	C. H. Smith, .	32 15
July	1,	L. B. Richardson, .	68 41
	1,	W. H. West, 2d, .	109 95

July	3,	J. E. McCannon, .	$40 00
	3,	A. F. B. Edwards, .	57 39
	5,	A. J. Lane, . .	51 32
	22,	A. H. Wilcomb, express on edge, . .	40
Aug.	24,	W. H. West, 2d, .	25 55
	31,	Edward West, .	100 00
Sept.	1,	L. B. Richardson, .	19 60
	5,	B. A. Follansbee, .	28 23
	9,	A. F. B. Edwards, .	25 92
	16,	A. J. Lane, . .	21 68
Oct.	7,	A. F. B. Edwards, .	15 05
	12,	C. O. Morse, .	4 00
	24,	W. H. West, 2d, .	23 25
Nov.	1,	J. E. McCannon, .	71 75
	4,	N. W. Goldsmith, .	19 20
	4,	John M. Parker, .	63 00
	4,	A. F. B. Edwards, .	5 70
	10,	W. H. West, 2d, .	10 20
	16,	Dana Weeks, .	14 84
	22,	Edward West, .	10 25
	22,	John Gegenheimer, sewer pipe, . .	14 04
	29,	A. F. B. Edwards, .	44 35
Dec.	7,	L. B. Richardson, .	27 51
	7,	C. H. Smith, .	16 55
	9,	B. A. Follansbee, .	25 01
	16,	A. H. Wilcomb, freight on sewer pipe, .	80
	20,	Dana Weeks, .	5 00
	20,	A. J. Lane, .	1 73
1900.			
Feb.	15,	H. N. West, .	1 50

Feb.	15,	J. E. McCannon, .	$8 95	
	15.	E. T. Morse, .	1 00	
	15,	John Gegenheimer, sewer pipe, . .	5 51	
				$1,259 97

BREAKING ROADS.

March	25,	paid L. B. Richardson, .	$22 47	
April	15,	F. T. Smith, .	15 00	
	15,	William Johnson, .	11 32	
	15,	Cyrus W. Hills, .	3 67	
	15,	Edward West, .	23 03	
	15,	A. J. Lane, . .	23 77	
	15,	E. E. Gifford, .	2 55	
	15,	Martin Mills, .	21 94	
	15,	A. H. West, .	40 02	
	15,	J. E. McCannon, .	183 60	
	15,	W. T. Owen, .	27 05	
	15,	Charles H. Edwards, .	9 41	
June	3,	J. E. McCannon, .	1 50	
	9,	H. E. True, .	11 15	
Nov.	4,	E. P. Jones, . .	4 28	
Feb.	15,	J. E. McCannon, .	1 95	
				$402 71

SCHOOL MONEY.

June	21,	paid J. G. Robertson, .	$550 00	
Nov.	4,	J. G. Robertson, .	650 00	
Dec.	22,	J. G. Robertson, .	353 42	
				$1,553 42

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

June	21,	paid J. G. Robertson, .	$100 00	
				$100 00

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

June 21,	paid J. G. Robertson,	$50 05	
Nov. 4,	J. G. Robertson,	21 62	
Feb. 15,	J. G. Robertson,	16 05	
			$87 72

PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

April 18,	paid Charles Bartlett, printing 500 town reports in March, 1899,	$42 50	
May 27,	E. C. Eastman, one tax col. book and postage,	1 43	
Sept. 14,	E. C. Eastman, one town order and receipt book and express,	2 25	
Feb. 15,	A. H. Wilcomb, tax bills for 1899,	1 00	
			$47 18

PUBLIC LIBRARIAN'S SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

Nov. 4,	paid J. G. Robertson,	$50 00	
			$50 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOKS.

June 21,	paid J. G. Robertson,	$100 00	
			$100 00

CARE AND ATTENDANCE WITH HEARSE.

1900.			
Feb. 15,	paid Alonzo A. West for the following:		
Feb. 28,	Mrs. Augusta A. Parker,	$2 00	

April	16,	Amos Morse, .	$2 00	
	17,	Mrs. Eliza Clay, .	2 00	
	19,	Mrs. Eleanor Kimball, .	2 00	
	22,	Mrs. Hannah Robie, .	2 00	
	29,	Cyrus E. Roberts, .	2 00	
June	10,	Henry Knights, .	2 00	
July	5,	Cora L. Hall, .	2 00	
Aug.	4,	Barnard P. Robie, .	2 00	
	15,	Infant of W. M. Johnson,	2 00	
Oct.	5,	Alice M. Goodell, .	2 00	
	14,	Mrs. Betsey Webster, .	2 00	
	21,	William Brown, .	2 00	
Nov.	20,	Mrs. Annie J. Fitz, .	2 00	
Dec.	3,	Emily Hoyt, .	2 00	
	8,	Mrs. Elvira Marden, .	2 00	
Jan.	9,	Charles Clay, .	2 00	
	30,	Thomas C. Sawyer, .	2 00	
Oct.	6,	To taking hearse to West Derry, and the return,	4 00	
				$40 00

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Aug.	16,	paid A. H. Wilcomb for discount on taxes paid on or before Aug. 1, 1899,	$72 20	
				$72 20

COLLECTING TAXES.

Feb.	15,	paid G. L. Converse, on list of 1898, .	$14 20	
	15,	A. H. Wilcomb, on list of 1899, .	43 98	
				$58 18

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Aug.	16,	paid Spaulding & Wallace over tax, . .	$8 70	
Dec.	20,	A. M. Wakefield, horse died, . .	1 01	
	20,	William Cook, over seventy,	1 45	
1900.				
Feb.	15,	James M. Heath, over seventy, . .	1 45	
	15,	George L. Converse, on list of 1898, Harriet C. Shaw, unable, .	3 63	
	15,	John P. Brown, paid in Fremont, .	1 45	
	15,	William Parker, left town,	1 45	
	15,	Ernest O. Raymond, left town, . .	1 45	
	15,	Hiram L. Drown, left town,	1 45	
	15,	Wallace H. Drown, left town, . .	1 45	
	15,	Guy Lawrence, left town, .	1 45	
	15,	William H. Kelley, left town, . .	1 45	
				$26 39

REAL ESTATE BOUGHT AT COLLECTOR'S SALE.

May	27,	Town of Chester; tax of G. F. Weeks, .	$3 45	
	27,	Town of Chester; tax of J. W. Towle, .	28 65	
				$32 10

RETURNS OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Feb.	15, paid Jas. G. Robertson, three marriages, .	$0 75	
	15, Cyrus F. Marston, three deaths, . .	75	
			$1 50

PUBLIC WATERING TROUGHS.

Sept.	4, paid C. F. True for, repairs, .	$2 70	
Nov.	4, C. H. Greene, for repairs, . .	4 25	
1900.			
Feb.	15, Ebenezer Marden for public watering trough for 1899, . .	3 00	
			$9 95

CARE OF CEMETERY.

Feb.	15, paid Robert H. Hazelton, .	$8 00	
			$8 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

May	15, paid E. J. Robie. .	$50 00	
			$50 00

EXPENSE OF TOWN HALL.

May	27, paid C. H. Edwards, repairs on platform and lumber,	$1 77	
Aug.	16, A.H. Wilcomb, for insuring town hall from Aug. 1st. 1899 to Aug. 1st, 1900 . .	10 00	

Dec.	16.	J. Hodge, 2 top sash and express, .	$3 35	
1900				
Feb.	15,	Chester Grange for curtains and partitions for town hall. . .	13 30	
Feb.	15,	L. H. Pillsbury & Son, for box stove for town hall, . .	12 50	
				$40 92

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

June	24,	paid J. T. Ramsey, interest on note, . .	$20 00	
July	22,	A. F. Dennett, for 2 five gal. Racine Fire extinguishers, .	36 00	
Sept.	14,	G. K. and B. T. Bartlett, for counsel, .	1 00	
Nov.	4,	Abbott Davis & Co., for varnishing hearse, .	30 00	
	4,	E. P. Jones, for police services for 1899, .	4 00	
	4,	James Gerah, for repairs on engine and ladder,	1 50	
	4,	Harry N. West, for repairs on sign boards, .	1 50	
Jan.	20,	James Gerah, labor on engine house, .	3 00	
	20,	C. S. Wilcomb & Son, for handcuffs, oil, nails, shingles, filling two extinguishers, .	8 63	

1900.				
Feb.	15,	N. W. Goldsmith, police services for 1898 and 1899, . .	$6 00	
	15,	D. M. Mitchell, police services for 1898 and 1899 . .	7 00	
				$118 63

SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

1900.				
Feb.	15,	paid Jas. G. Robertson, .	$40 00	
	15,	John M. Webster, .	33 00	
	15,	Lizzie S. Hooke, .	27 00	
				$100 00

TOWN CLERK'S SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

1900.				
Feb.	15,	paid Cyrus F. Marston, .		
		Services as Town Clerk, .	$20 00	
		Postage paid, .	50	
		For stationery, .	25	
				$20 75

TOWN TREASURER'S SALARY.

Feb.	15,	paid George S. West, .	$25 00	
				$25 00

SELECTMEN'S SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

Feb.	15,	paid C. H. Edwards, .	$79 00	
	15,	C. H. Greene, .	53 50	
	15,	H. L. Chase, .	24 50	
				$157 00

OVERSEER OF POOR SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

Feb. 15, paid C. H. Greene, .	$21 00	
		$21 00

AUDITOR'S SERVICES.

Feb., paid Cyrus F. Marston, .	$2 00	
Martin Mills, . .	2 00	
Oren F. Page, . .	2 00	
		$6 00

SELECTMEN AND AUDITOR'S EXPENSES.

Feb., paid C. H. Edwards, .	$5 00	
		$5 00

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. EDWARDS, }
CHARLES H. GREENE, } Selectmen of Chester
HERBERT L. CHASE, }

NOTICE.

All taxes assessed in the town of Chester for the year 1899, not paid on or before the first day of April next, will be advertised and collected as the law directs.

ARTHUR H. WILCOMB, Collector.

Chester, N. H., Feb. 19, 1900.

REPORT OF CHARLES H. GREENE,

Overseer of the Poor.

LUTHER W. MORSE.

Paid Fannie West, for board from Feb. 14 1899, to Feb. 13, 1900, .	$117 00	
		$117 00

HIRAM S. DROWNS.

Paid Mrs. Daniel Drowns, for board from Jan. 4 to June 21, 1899, .	$30 00	
		$30 00

TRANSIENTS.

Paid E. P. Jones for lodging 14 transients, . .	$7 00	
		$7 00

AID FURNISHED DEPENDENT SOLDIERS.

GEORGE F. SMALL.

Paid C. H. Greene, 3 cords wood, .	$10 50	
		$10 50
Total amount for support of poor in town,		$164 50

COUNTY PAUPERS.

ELIJAH STOCKWELL.

Paid Fannie West for board from Feb. 14, 1899, to Feb. 13, 1900, .	$78 00	
C. S. Wilcomb & Son, for clothing, .	6 00	
		$84 00

MRS. LAURA HILL.

Paid James H. Hardy, for goods furnished, . .	$50 47	
G. H. Jack, for house rent, .	3 60	
A. J. Merrill, for house rent, .	14 70	
Mrs. Laura Hill, wood and clothing,	21 00	
		$89 77

CHARLES TEBBETTS.

Paid C. S. Wilcomb & Son, for goods furnished, . .	$9 70	
		$9 70

BARNEY GRAY.

Paid C. S. Wilcomb & Son, 1 axe and handle, . .	$1 00	
Justice and officers fees in Barney Gray case, . .	12 77	
		$13 77
Collected of Rockingham County and paid Town Treasurer, .		$197 24

CHARLES H. GREENE,
Overseer of the Poor.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor, for the year ending Feb. 15, 1900, and find them correctly cast, with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,
MARTIN MILLS, } Auditors.
OREN F. PAGE,

Chester, N. H., Feb. 19, 1900.

DR. THE TOWN OF CHESTER IN ACCOUNT

1899–1900.

To discount on taxes paid on or before Aug. 1st	$ 72 20
To cash paid for printing and stationery	47 18
To cash paid for improvement on roads and bridges	1,259 97
To cash paid for breaking roads	402 71
To cash paid school district treasurer for schools	1,553 42
To cash paid for school books and supplies	87 72
To cash paid for abatement of taxes	26 39
To cash paid for Memorial Day expenses	50 00
To cash paid for collecting taxes	58 18
To cash paid for public watering troughs	9 95
To cash paid for care and attendance with hearse	40 00
To cash paid for county tax	1,285 47
To cash paid for state tax	794 75
To cash paid for care of cemetery	8 00
To cash paid for return of births, marriages and deaths	1 50
To cash paid for miscellaneous bills	118 63
To cash paid for school board services and expenses	100 00
To cash paid for town clerk's services and expenses	20 75
To cash paid for town treasurer's salary	25 00
To cash paid for selectmen's services and expenses	157 00
To cash paid for overseer of poor services and expenses	21 00
To cash paid for auditors' services	6 00
To cash paid for selectmen and auditors' expenses	5 00
To cash paid for support of poor	351 24
To cash paid for school-house repairs	100 00
To cash paid for public library books	100 00
To cash paid for librarian's services and public library expenses	50 00
To cash paid for aid of dependant soldiers	10 50
To cash paid for real estate bought at collector's sale	32 10
To cash paid for expenses on town hall	40 92
To cash paid note and interest of Isabelle H. Fitz	727 76
To cash paid note and interest of Charles H Greene	304 40
To cash paid note and interest of Charles H. Greene	277 24
To cash in treasury to balance	558 95
	$8,703 93

WITH GEORGE S. WEST, TOWN TREASURER. CR.

1899.		
	By cash in the treasury, Feb. 20, 1899	$457 17
April	By cash of George L. Converse, on tax list of 1898	660 57
May	By cash of George L. Converse, on tax list of 1898	263 78
June	By cash of town clerk for dog license	182 82
June	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1899	475 00
June 22	By cash hired of Isabelle H. Fitz	700 00
July	By cash of county for support of poor	58 74
July	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1899	1,495 00
Aug.	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1899	422 52
Sept.	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1899	100 00
Oct.	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1899	100 00
Nov.	By cash of A H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1899	325 00
Nov. 22	By cash hired of C. H Greene	300 00
Nov.	By cash of George L. Converse, on tax list of 1898	59 76
Dec.	By cash of George L. Converse, on tax list of 1898	40 00
Dec.	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1899	425 00
1900.		
Jan.	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1899	375 00
Jan.	By cash of state for railroad tax	38 52
Jan.	By cash of state for savings bank tax	983 30
Jan.	By cash of state for literary fund	78 66
Feb.	By cash of George L. Converse, on tax list of 1898	187 98
Feb.	By cash of county for support of poor	138 50
Feb.	By cash of Chester Grange for rent of town hall	25 00
Feb.	By cash of A H. Wilcomb for fines	10 00
Feb.	By cash of selectmen for stove	1 00
Feb.	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1899	708 73
Feb.	By cash of selectmen for tiling	5 00
Feb.	By cash of George L. Converse, balance of tax list of 1898	67 68
Feb.	By cash of George L. Converse, interest on tax list of 1898	19 20
		$8,703 93

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Indebtedness of the town Feb. 19th, 1900.

Note due John T. Ramsey, with interest at 4 per cent, . .	$513 28	
Note due Webster Bros., with interest at 4 per cent, . .	450 11	
Note due C. H. Greene, with interest at 4 per cent, . .	277 30	
Amount of Pressey legacy, . .	200 00	
Balance due H. S. Drowne, .	158 36	
		$1,599 05

ASSETS.

Bal. due on tax list of 1899, .	$1056 77	
Claim on real estate held by the town for non payment of taxes.		
James W. Towle farm, . .	28 65	
Geo. F. Weeks, . .	3 45	
Balance in hands of treasurer, .	558 95	
		$1,647 82
Balance in favor of the town,		$48 77

GEORGE S. WEST, Treasurer.

Chester, N. H., Feb. 19th, 1900.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of George S. West, Town Treasurer, and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,
MARTIN MILLS, } Auditors.
OREN F. PAGE,

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Books added to the Public Library in 1899:

Purchased with town money or fines,		118
Given, . . .		32
		150
Number of books taken out during the year, . . .		4640
Largest number taken out in one day,		94
Smallest number, . .		8
Per cent of Fiction read, .		79
Per cent of Non-Fiction, .		21
Money received in fines in 1899, .	$4 44	
From summer boarders, . .	50	
Sale of catalogues, . .	35	
Balance on hand from 1898, .	38	
		$5 67
Expended for books and needed supplies, . . .	$3 21	
Cash on hand to balance, .	2 46	
		$5 67

Gifts of books or magazines have been received during the year from Mrs. Julia Lawrence, Miss Fannie Stevens, Mrs. Josephine Corning, Mrs. Robert Hazelton, Miss Lucy C. Bell, Rev. Bernard Christopher, Miss Emily J. Hazelton,

Mrs. Charles Tenney, Ex. Gov. Robie of Maine, Mrs. John H. Robie, Mrs. Haworth, Boston, Mass., Mrs. A. H. Wilcomb, Dr. A. L. Emerson, John Pickett, and U. S. Department of Agriculture.

A year's subscription of the Woman's Home Companion was given by some unknown party.

Copies of Success and Everywhere were donated by Mark Sanborn.

Magazines and papers have been in unusual demand.

In January, 1900, the special card system now used in many large libraries was put in operation. This enables a person to take out a second book in any department but fiction.

At the same time the fine was reduced from two cents a a day to one cent a day, including Sundays.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The free library began its career in July, 1894. At first there were in the vicinity of 100 books, the gift of the State of New Hampshire. These were kept in a single book case in the store of C. S. Wilcomb & Son. In 1896 the library was moved to the old "Dearborn shop," after it was thoroughly renovated and repaired. The number of books was greatly increased that year by the gift of about 900 books belonging to the "Ladies' Library Association." We now have over 1500 volumes, and a library building which answers well for present needs. The number of books withdrawn during these years has varied from 4000 for the year ending in Feb., 1896, to 5850, the number withdrawn the year following.

Care has been taken to select the best books, and in this effort patrons have been of assistance by recommending the

purchase of books known to be good. This not only lessens the work of the Trustees, but as a result of these suggestions, many a useful book is added to the library.

It is good to know that the library is appreciated. The people evidently are aware that a free library is one of the best investments a town can make. We are not lacking in wisdom when we back up with our pocket books an institution which is by common consent a source of good, in that it makes available to all the treasures which the best minds have given to the world. Someone has said, "Well does Charles Lamb suggest that men should say grace—not only over the Christmas festival, but also over the table spread with good books. For man has no truer friends, earth offers no richer banquet."

JAMES G. ROBERTSON,
AUGUSTUS P. MORSE,
ADDISON A. BEAN,
} Trustees of Free Public Library.

EXPENDITURES.

Paid The Granite Monthly Co.,	$1 50
Harry N. West, one book,	2 00
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co.. books,	63 06
F. J. Barnard & Co., rebinding,	13 13
Wilson S. Wells, janitor,	1 30
A. H. Wilcomb, insurance,	7 50
D. D. Cottrell, periodicals,	15 25
M. Josephine Horne, one book,	2 00
N. J. Bartlett & Co., books,	2 00
Courier Publishing Co., supplies,	2 98
W. S. Young, one book,	2 75

Cong.S.S. and Publishing society, books,	$8 33	
Charles E. Lauriat & Co., one book,	1 67	
Kasson and Palmer, one book,	1 25	
C. S. Wilcomb & Son, supplies,	26	
Miss I. H. Fitz, librarian's salary,	20 00	
Webster Bros., supplies,	95	
Express and postage,	2 65	
		$148 58
Cash on hand to balance,		27 73
		$176 31

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,	$ 23 56	
Received from Treasurer Cong. S. S. books rebound,	2 75	
Received from Town of Chester,	150 00	
		$176 31

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES G. ROBERTSON,
Treasurer Library Trustees.

CHESTER, N. H., Feb. 19, 1900.

We certify that we have examined the accounts of the Trustees and Treasurer of the Free Public Library of the Town of Chester for the year past, and find them correctly cast, with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,
MARTIN MILLS, } Auditors.
OREN F. PAGE,

SCHOOL WARRANT.

State of New Hampshire,

Rockingham SS.

To the inhabitants of the town of Chester School District qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Town Hall, in said town, Saturday, the seventeenth day of March, 1900, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a moderator for the ensuing year.

2. To choose a clerk.

3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a treasurer.

5. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

6. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the support of schools, in addition to that required by law.

7. To see what the district will do in regard to repairing, furnishing and improving the school buildings, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose.

8. To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

9. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Chester this twenty-second day of February, 1900.

JAMES G. ROBERTSON,)
JOHN M. WEBSTER, } School Board of Chester.
LIZZIE S. HOOKE,)

A true copy of warrant. Attest:

JAMES G ROBERTSON,)
JOHN M. WEBSTER, } School Board of Chester.
LIZZIE S. HOOKE,)

SCHOOL REPORT.

We wish to say a few words in regard to the repairs made in the No. 5 schoolhouse. Any one who has visited that school within two or three years could not help noticing that something ought to be done to make the place more comfortable, as well as more inviting. There is nothing inspiring in a shabby looking room. We do not know as we can blame teachers and scholars for allowing their work to correspond with the place where they have to perform their labors. This year we have newly lathed and plastered the ceiling, kalsomined the walls, lowered an unnecessary platform at the back of the room, making a level floor from the teacher's platform, replaced the uncomfortable seats with modern chairs and desks; also put up new inside doors, and given the woodwork a new covering of paint; in fact have completely transformed the room, making it as comfortable and pleasant as any in town, and so thoroughly has the work been done, that unless something unexpected takes place, it will be in good condition for several years. We feel sure teacher and scholars must feel more courage to do good work, and more pride in keeping the room in good order, than they could have felt before the repairs were made. Two new settees have been purchased for 1st division, No. 1, and the No. 2 schoolrooms. A few minor repairs have also been made in some of the rooms, your committee thinking it better to repair one room thoroughly than to partly do several. We hope the district will approve of

our efforts to make the best use of their appropriation for repairs.

Let us not forget our Roll of Honor. We are glad to note an increase of ten over last year, notwithstanding three of our schools were entirely broken up, near the close of the winter term, by the measles. If parents and scholars could realize the great advantage of punctuality, we should have much better schools. We wish each scholar would make an extra effort the next school year to be present every half day, and before the bell rings, too, for tardiness, is, nearly always, unnecessary. A teacher can go about her work with more courage and pleasure, when her scholars are all present: then, too, the benefit to the scholar cannot be told. Habits of punctuality formed in early life will be lasting, and thus many hours of valuable time saved. 'Tis said to be a great deal harder for a minister to preach to a lot of empty pews, than when they are well filled; just so in school—'tis discouraging to see seats empty that should be occupied. Be in your places with the determination to be there all the time, unless prevented by sickness, and with your minds made up to "Do your best—your very best; and do it every day." Then, and not until then, will our schools be a success. The best teacher in the world will fail of having a good school, without the co-operation of parents and scholars. Do not blame the teacher until you have done your part.

It remains to say a word concerning teachers. The ability and success of the teaching force has been all that we could expect it to be considering the salaries we have been able to pay. The average of past years has been maintained. In an easy school the average teacher will do good work, but not all schools are easy. Some schools have the name of being

"hard," a reputation which they manage to keep up to concert pitch without any considerable effort. Such a school needs a good teacher and good teachers are not to be had for the asking. It stands to reason that the teacher who occupies a difficult position should command a larger salary than one who teaches in a school where little discipline is required. The trouble with regard to our more difficult schools has been, first, to find teachers adapted to the peculiar needs of the situation, and then, after a suitable teacher has been found, a second difficulty arises in persuading her to remain for any considerable length of time. The burden resting on the School Committee is lightened if they have sufficient means apropriated by the district to enable them to offer a fair salary to the teachers "of whom much is required." The office of a teacher is like that of a bishop. Whoever desires the office "desireth a good work." The lamented Miss Melvin closed one of her remarkable school reports with words that teachers should ponder. They contain all that needs to be said, and with them these remarks will close. "To those teachers who are always learners; who find an increasing and absorbing interest in their work, who consider that time well spent which is devoted to giving new meaning or fresh attraction to the simplest lessons; who, studying to know the deepest wants of every child, learn how to arouse a worthy ambition, and how to reach the heart and conscience; whose control of their pupils is such as to teach them the far higher lesson of *self*-control, and obedience to the great law of right, to these we extend our congratulations. They have set before themselves a great work, but they shall have joy in their work."

JAMES G. ROBERTSON,
JOHN M. WEBSTER,
LIZZIE S. HOOKE,
} School Board of Chester

ROLL OF HONOR.

First Division. No. 1 School.

Edna S. Jack
Lillian Mackintosh †
Lena Webster †
Margaret West
Harris West
Laura R. Lane †
Rachel Mackintosh †
Marion Webster †
Cora Hills
Bertie Gile

Second Division.

Howard Woodard
Leroy Woodard
Sherburne Hazelton †
Clarence Johns,
Ethel Mackintosh †
Marie Thayer
Logan Morse
Earle Hazelton
Philip Hazelton
Mildred Greene †
Ruth Webster †
Blanche Webster

No. 2 School.

Ethel Greene *
Alice Leighton *
Mildred Fitts *
Roy Purington *
Howard Fitts *
Carrie Underhill *
Holly Purinton *
Florence Cheney
Charlie Underhill *
Warren Robinson †

No 3 School.

Lena Rand †
Mamie Whittemore
Harry Edwards
Addie Southwick
Howard Edwards †
Joseph Edwards

No. 5 and 10 Schools.

Minnie Haselton
Everett Haselton
James Owen
Perley Haselton †

No. 6 School.

Alice Dolber	Lottie Drowne †
Verna Drowne *	Hazel Stowe *
Percy Stowe †	Charles Towle †

No. 7 School.

John Buzzell †	Eugene True
Frankie Warren	

† Perfect two terms.
* Perfect three terms.

EXPENDITURES.

Paid For Teaching.

1899.			
June	21,	Ella C. Dodge,	$66 00
	22,	Lillian E. Rich,	77 00
	28,	M. Annette Morse,	90 00
	30,	Martha L. Coolidge,	66 00
	30,	Carrie B. Hazelton,	90 00
	29,	Dorothy A. M. Ring,	88 00
	29,	Susie M. Gillingham,	78 00
Nov.	23,	M. Annette Morse,	90 00
	23,	Bertha G. Smith,	72 00
	23,	Annie R. Wyer,	96 00
	24,	Carrie B. Hazelton,	90 00
	24,	Susie M. Gillingham,	78 00
	24,	Mittie J. Smith,	72 00
Dec.	23,	Martha L. Coolidge,	90 00

1900.			
Jan.	10, Bertha G. Smith (also fires)	$31 25	
	12, M. Annette Morse, .	45 00	
	12, Carrie B. Hazelton, .	45 00	
	12, Susie M. Gillingham, .	39 00	
	12, Annie R. Wyer, .	48 00	
	18, Mittie J. Smith, .	36 00	
			$1,387 25

FUEL ACCOUNT.

Paid Walter W. Lane, . .	$ 2 00	
George M. Newhall, . .	7 00	
George D. Rand, . .	5 25	
Frank Gile, . .	2 37	
Leon B. Richardson, .	10 00	
Charles N. Fitts, . .	2 00	
Frank Dolber, . .	1 50	
C. S. Wilcomb & Son, .	4 00	
W. P. W. Whittemore, .	12 00	
S. L. Marston, . .	4 00	
Garland Smith, . .	6 18	
Albert F. B. Edwards, .	75	
Bertie Gile, sawing wood and janitor, . .	2 53	
Martin Mills, . .	3 06	
Webster Bros., . .	3 00	
Augustus P. Morse, . .	3 75	
Charles H. Greene, . .	2 00	
		$71 39

PAID FOR CONVEYING PUPILS.

Luther B. Lane, . . .	$46 00

Janitors' Services.

Paid Lottie J. Drowne,	$1 50	
Roy W. Purington,	1 50	
Willie M. Butterfield,	1 15	
Sumner Edwards,	35	
		$4 50

Miscellaneous.

Paid Sarah J. Robie,	$2 00	
Anna M. Wakefield,	2 00	
Mary F. West,	7 50	
William A. Taggart,	2 00	
Mrs. Rufus Abbott,	2 00	
Mark Sanborn,	75	
		$16 25

Repairs on School Buildings.

Paid William E. Nichols,	$ 6 43	
George H. Dane,	2 00	
N. E. Adamant Co.,	16 95	
J. W. Plaisted & Son,	18 75	
Isaac F. Underhill,	20 81	
E. E. Babb,	57 80	
Edwin Jones,	1 50	
Lizzie S. Hooke,	2 10	
Frank P. Shackford,	9 52	
Sidney A. Hardy,	2 24	
Harry N. West,	1 50	
Freight, B. & M. R. R.,	7 90	
		$147 50

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid American Book Co.,	$22 75	
Ginn & Co.,	8 17	
Silver, Burdette & Co.,	21 20	
E. E. Babb,	10 65	
Mrs. H. S. Noyes, bird charts,	6 00	
Geo. F. King & Co.,	9 30	
E. R. Coburn,	1 17	
Webster Bros.,	2 16	
C. S. Wilcomb & Son,	1 22	
Thorpe & Martin,	2 00	
Express and postage,	3 95	
		$88 57

CREDIT.

Received from town,	$87 72	
Received for supplies sold,	85	
		$88 57

CHESTER, N. H., Feb. 19, 1900.

We certify that we have examined the accounts of the School Board of Chester for the past year and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,
MARTIN MILLS, } Auditors.
OREN F. PAGE,

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT.

School Money Received.

Balance from last year, . .	$64 90	
Received from Town of Chester, .	1553 42	
town of Candia, tuition,	2 73	
town of Derry, tuition,	15 40	
		1,636 45

Expenditures.

Paid teachers, . .	$1,387 25	
for conveying pupils, .	46 00	
for fuel, . .	71 39	
for janitors, . .	4 50	
for miscellaneous bills, .	16 25	
		$1,525 39
Cash on hand to balance,		111 06
		$1,636 45

Expenditures on School Buildings.

Paid for repairs, . .	$147 50	
Cash on hand to balance, .	7 93	
		$155 43

Receipts.

Balance from last year, .	$24 43	
Received from town treasurer, .	100 00	
Received from Martin Colby, sale of school house No. 10. .	31 00	
		$155 43

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES G. ROBERTSON, District Treasurer.

CHESTER, N. H., Feb. 19, 1900.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of James G. Robertson, Treasurer of the School District of the Town of Chester, for the year past, and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,
MARTIN MILLS, } Auditors.
OREN F. PAGE,

SCHOOL TABLE.

No. of School.	TERMS.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No. of Weeks	Whole No. of Pupils.	No. of Pupils in Reading	Spelling	Writing	Arithmetic	Geography	Grammar	History	Composition.	Drawing.	Vocal Music	Physiology	Book-keeping	Algebra
1	Spring . .	M. Annette Morse.....	12	21	21	21	21	21	20	20	21	..	..	..	18	3	3
1 Div.	Fall.....	M. Annette Morse.....	12	19	16	16	16	16	16	17	17	..	.	..	..	1	2
	Winter...	M. Annette Morse.....	6	19	..	..	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	Spring...	Lillian E. Rich.....	11	27	25	25	25	25	12	4	4	4	25	25	7	..	..
2 Div.	Fall.....	Bertha G. Smith.....	12	25	25	25	25	20	7	8	..	..	..	22	9	..	..
	Winter ..	Bertha G. Smith.....	*5	22	22	22	22	19	11	11	..	..	..	22	9	..	..
2	Spring...	Carrie B. Hazelton.....	12	15	15	15	15	15	11	11	..	3	..	15	..	..	..
	Fall.....	Carrie B. Hazelton.....	12	18	18	18	18	18	12	12	6	3	..	18	..	..	..
	Winter...	Carrie B. Hazelton.....	6	15	15	15	15	15	11	9	6	2	..	15	..	..	..
3	Spring...	Dorothy A. M. Ring.....	11	24	24	24	24	21	21	21	18	..	..	..	..	..	3
	Fall	Annie R. Wyer	12	22	21	21	21	21	16	16	16	..	..	..	..	8	..
	Winter...	Annie R. Wyer	6	22	22	22	22	22	17	17	17	..	..	..	..	9	..
5 & 10	Spring...	Ella C. Dodge.....	11	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Fall.....	Mittie J. Smith.....	12	13	13	13	13	13	8	7	1	8	..	2	..	..	..
	Winter...	Mittie J. Smith.....	6	10	10	10	10	10	7	6	..	6	..	3	..	..	.
6	Spring...	Susie M. Gillingham	12	14	14	14	12	12	7	7	1	..	..	2	..	..	..
	Fall.....	Susie M. Gillingham	12	13	13	13	12	10	8	5	..	..	..	..	..	2	1
	Winter ..	Susie M. Gillingham	6	14	14	11	13	11	7	10	..	..	..	..	..	4	1
7	Spring . .	Martha L. Coolidge.....	11	14	14	10	10	10	8	8	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Fall.....	Martha L. Coolidge.....	15	11	10	7	10	8	7	6	2	..	..	..	..	..	..

* No. of weeks five and two-fifths of a week.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, 1899.

Births Registered in the Town of Chester, for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1899.

Date of birth.	Place of birth.	Name of Child (if any.)	Sex & Con: Male or Female	Sex & Con: Living or Stillb.	Sex & Con: No. of Child.	Sex & Con: Color.	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
Jan. 18	Chester		m	l	4	w	Herbert L. Chase	Harriet L. Preston	Chester	Auburn	34	30
Feb. 4	"	Doris Eleanor	f	l	1	w	Arthur H. West	Geo'anna D. Edwards	"	Chester	28	24
Feb. 27	"		f	l	1	w	Moses Drisco	Hattie Pitts	Boston, Mass	Boston, Mass	30	18
May 17	"	Nina M	f	l	1	w	George E. Brackett	Anna A. Purington	Epping	Epping	27	25
June 14	"		m				Warren M. Carr	Charlotte E. McCloud	Chester	Haverhill, Mass.	45	28
June 27	"	Leon	m	l	1	w	Herman Follansbee	Bertha L. Tenney	Sandown	Chester	25	18
June 23	"		m	l	3	w	Farris G. Lewis	Flora G. Jones	Nova Scotia	Brattleborough, Vt.	30	23
June 29	"		m	l	1	w	George Collins	Mary Collins	Springfield	Springfield	25	23
July 17	"	Gladys Pearl	f	l	1	w	Irvin E. Knights	Blanche M. Hanscomb	Berwick, Me	Haverhill, Mass	30	22
July 25	"	Josephine Lura	f	l	1	w	Charles T. Wells	Clara A. Leighton	Sandown	Lowell, Mass	25	19
July 28	"		m	l	6	w	William Jonson	Evelyn Mitchell	Canada	Canada	52	41
Oct. 3	"	Leon Irwin	m	l	5	w	Leon B. Richardson	Clara E. Dunlap	Chester	Chester	41	35
Nov. 25	"		m	l	2	w	Dana A. Weeks	Emily S. Smith	"	Auburn	34	24
Dec. 4	"		m	l	5	w	F. Lincoln Hazelton	Imogene M. Corey	"	Bedford, P. Q	38	40
Dec. 12	"	Hartwell Hariell	m	l	1	w	George N Roberts	Carrie J. Bickford	Lowell, Mass	Lowell, Mass	52	25
Dec. 15	"	Madaline Pearl	f	l	1	w	John D. Fisk	Martha A. Emery	Chester	Auburn	27	20

Marriages Registered in the Town of Chester, for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1899.

Date.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Bride and Groom.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age of each	Color.	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each.	Names of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by whom married.
Feb. 23	Hampstead	Henry M. Huston.....	Derry.....	22	w	Laborer..	Derry.....	Benjamin F. Huston...	1	J. H. Knott,
		and						Lizzie M. Carr.....		Clergyman,
		Eliza R. Fisk	Chester	20	w	.....	Chester	Freeman Fiske.....	2	Hampstead
								Emily J. Gerrish.....		
June 21	Auburn....	Charles Stevens.....	"	68	w	Farmer ..	"	Hills Stevens.....	2	Frank Hooper,
		and						Roxanna Marden		Clergyman,
		Elizabeth J. Miller.....	Malden, Mass.	46	w	Teacher..	.....	Christopher C Eldridge	2	Auburn
								Elmira E. Follansbee ..		
Dec. 20	Candia.....	William B. Wason.....	Chester	26	w	Farmer ..	Chester.....	John Wason	1	Theodore C. Pratt,
		and						Lavina J. Dolber.....		Clergyman,
		Eva L. Martin	Candia.....	25	w	Dress-maker..	Candia.....	Edwin N. Martin.....	1	Candia
								Hannah French		

Deaths Registered in the Town of Chester, for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1899.

Date.	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age. Years.	Months.	Days.	Place of Birth.	Sex Con Sex.	Color.	Single, etc.	Occupation.	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.
Jan. 8	Chester	Gustavus Bryant	50	9	11	Lynn, Mass	m	w	m	Farmer	James Bryant	Rebecca Stubs
Jan. 31	"	John E. Dow	80	7	16	Ipswich, Mass	m	w	m	Shoemaker	David Dow	Eunice Martin
Feb. 26	"	Augusta A. Parker	55	6	12	Chester	f	w	m		John W. West	Betsey Purington
Mar. 10	"	Christopher C. Johnson	20	..	..	"	m	w	s	Laborer	Joseph Johnson	Mary J.
April 13	"	Amos Morse	80	7	..	Manchester	m	w	w	Farmer	Granderson Morse	Hannah Flint
April 15	"	Eliza J. Clay	81	..	..	Chester	f	w	w		Gideon Currier	Hannah Jack
April 16	"	Eleanor Kimball	75	6	..	Kingston	f	w	w		Henry Elkins	Susan Clough
April 20	"	Hannah E Robie	72	3	17	Hill	f	w	m		Richard Underhill	Betsey Avery
April 27	"	Cyrus E. Roberts	55	3	28	Raymond	m	w	w	Farmer	Thomas F. Roberts	Hannah L. Magoon
May 15	"	Jennie B. McDuffie	19	11	15	Chester	f	w	s		Charles G. McDuffie	Vena V. Woodbury
June 8	"	Henry Knights	80	11	..	England	m	w	w	Laborer	James Knights	Ann Smith
July 3	"	Cora L. Hall	34	2	11	Chester	f	w	s		Henry A. Hall	Carrie M. Eaton
Aug. 2	"	Barnard P. Robie	78	7	1	"	m	w	w	Farmer	Edward Robie	Mary M. Prescott
Aug. 14	"	Infant	..	..	17	"	m	w	s		William Johnson	Evelyn Mitchell
Sept. 21	"	Matilda F. McCannon	63	..	..	Dublin	f	w	w			
Sept. 27	"	Charles Head	76	..	9	Bradford, Mass.	m	w	w	Farmer		
Oct. 2	"	Alice M. Goodell	30	6	..	Chester	f	w	d		Daniel S. West	Mary F. Sanborn
Oct. 12	"	Betsey D. Webster	86	3	12	Hill	f	w	w		Richard Dearborn	Dolly Underhill
Oct. 12	"	William Pecker	83	7	9	Methuen, Mass.	m	w	m	Farmer	William Pecker	Mary Harvey
Oct. 18	"	William A. Brown	75	8	16	Seabrook	m	w	w	Carpenter	William Brown	Olive Knowles
Nov. 18	"	Anna J. Fitz	70	8	14	Derry	f	w	m		Dudley Swain	Martha McDuffie
Dec. 1	"	Emily Hoyt	94	4	9	Fremont	f	w	s	Tailoress	Joseph Hoyt	Mary Wason
Dec. 6	Raymond	Elvira Marden	67	4	16		f	w	w		Hazen Morse	Nancy Hunkins

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to my best knowledge and belief.

CYRUS F. MARSTON, *Town Clerk.*